withdrawn from hazardous works. Grants are also released directly to Voluntary Agencies on the recommendations of the State Governments under the Grant-in-Aid Scheme for taking up action-oriented projects for the working children, where NCLP is not in existence.

Funds for hundred days work scheme

1724. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is no allocation of funds for hundred days work scheme in a poor household;

(b) the manner in which the assurance would be met without fund for it; and

(c) the measures proposed for quick implementation of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) The work on drafting a Bill for National Employment Guarantee Act to provide 100 days of employment to one member of a poor household has begun. Necessary funds would be provided by Central/State Governments as per the requirement. In the meantime, Food for Work programme in 150 most backward districts has been announced in the Budget for the current year.

Job placement

1725. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the latest release of the employment generation figures show that over 4.14 crore Indians still await job placement;

(b) if so, whether Ministry's report quoting employment exchange statistics, shows that there has been an increase in notified vacancies for jobs both at Central and State levels from 2.2 lakh in 2002 to 2.6 lakh in 2003;

(c) whether Government have been urged to consolidate efforts to create job avenues in different sectors;

(d) if so, whether any concrete proposals have been worked out; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) The number of job seekers, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, on the live register of the employment exchanges as on December, 2003 was 4.14 crores. It is also true that in the year 2002 the number of vacancies notified to the employment exchange was 2.2 lakh as against 2.6 lakh in 2003.

(c) to (e) Tenth Plan focuses on providing gainful employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the 10th Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of 10th Plan has laid emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which have high employment potential. Particular attention has been paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have large employment opportunities.

Child labourers in Orissa

1726. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the child labourers found in the State of Orissa as per the 2001 Census and what are the rehabilitation measures Government are taking to prevent this evil from the State;

(b) the number of projects under National Child Labour Project (NCLP) going on in the State at present and which is the first project in the State and the achievement found there from that project, till date;

(c) whether there is any long-term proposal from Government to check the growth of child labour in the country; and

(d) what is the position of fund allocation for this project during the current Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) As per the provisional figures of 2001 Census, the